

REAR GUARD ACTION FOUGHT IN RETIRING

Fourth American Expedition Engaged by De Facto Soldiers on Way Out.

SITUATION SEEMS GRAVE

Troops, After Quitting Mexican Soil, Camp 12 Miles West of Brownsville, Where It Is Waiting Developments.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, June 18.—Having accomplished its object, the dispersing of Mexican bandits who Friday night raided Texas ranches and attacked a detachment of the Twenty-sixth Infantry, east of San Benito, Texas, and on promises of the Carranza commander at Matamoros that he would run down and punish the outlaws, the fourth American punitive expedition to enter Mexico was withdrawn today. There were no American casualties.

Two bandits were killed and two others wounded in a rear guard action when the Americans began to withdraw.

Developments Are Awaited. The withdrawn expedition tonight camped at San Pedro, Tex., about 12 miles from Brownsville, awaiting developments after having, according to General James Parker's official report, "cleared out a nest of bandits on ranches opposite the San Pedro-Ranchito district." The ranches included the Tabuachal ranch, about ten miles west of Matamoros, which is notorious as a bandit haven. Military authorities tonight regarded the situation as fraught with the gravest possibilities. This was occasioned by the apparent fact that it was a detachment of about 16 soldiers of the Mexican de facto government, commanded by a young lieutenant, who led the rear guard attack on the Americans as they were leaving Mexico.

This supposed Mexican officer was killed and his costume was found to be composed partly of the uniform of a Carranza soldier.

Attack Made on Rear Guard. The attack on the rear guard was made after two troops and a machine gun troop of the Third Cavalry had recrossed to the United States. Troops E and F, commanded by Lieutenants John Road, Jr., and Peabody, were back from the river, covering the retreat to the Rio Grande.

The outpost reported the appearance of a small band of mounted men who, on seeing the Americans, opened fire. Troop E quickly replied and was joined by Troop F.

The firing continued for 10 minutes at a range of approximately 500 yards. Two men were seen to fall from their horses. The supposed lieutenant went to the aid of one of those wounded, but was struck by two bullets, one in the back of the neck.

The cavalry then charged the Mexicans, who fled.

The chase continued three miles, when Major Edward Anderson ordered it halted, on orders from headquarters here to recross the river.

Bandits Flee Before Advance. The first section of the fourth punitive expedition, commanded by Lieutenant A. S. Newman, crossed the Rio Grande yesterday afternoon in pursuit of a "hot trail." His command comprised Troop H, of the Third Cavalry, a second section, which crossed at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, headed by Major Edward Anderson, of the Third Cavalry, comprised a second squadron of the Third Cavalry, one machine gun troop, one machine company of the Twenty-sixth Infantry, one battalion of the Twenty-sixth Infantry and a detachment of the Fourth Infantry. The entire expedition, which swam the Rio Grande, took position on the Mexican side two miles of the ford and set out on their march.

The bandits fled before the American forces.

Major Anderson's outpost was fired on last night from a Mexican house. The house was charged by the Americans, but the occupants were too quick for them and had retired to the bushes. The entire section opposite San Pedro was thoroughly searched and while there was occasional sniping, no Americans were injured.

Retirement Begun Early in Day. The retirement of the expedition began early today on instructions from General James Parker, commanding this military district, who had exchanged messages with General Alfredo Ricaut, Carranza commander of the Matamoros district. Mexican Consul J. Z. Garza acted as intermediary.

General Ricaut, according to the message, promised he would capture and punish the bandits who raided the American side of the Rio Grande. The Matamoros commander demanded the immediate withdrawal of the troops on making this promise and its acceptance by General Parker, threatening to attack unless this was done.

General Parker, an American officer that General Ricaut might not be able to stop the Mexican troops in the brush who might attack. The message was told to the United States cavalry could stop them. General Ricaut last night had demanded the immediate withdrawal of the expedition and threatened to attack unless this was done. Ricaut was told, it is understood such an attack meant war.

Today's exchanges between the two commanders resulted in a promise by Ricaut that he would capture and punish the bandits who raided the American side. General Parker accepted this promise and ordered immediate withdrawal.

No Blame Attached. ASHLAND, Or., June 18.—(Special.)—The coroner's jury investigation of the death of James Eugene West, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton West, of Winters, Cal., who was run over and killed by a fast stock train Saturday morning, returned a verdict of "unavoidable accident."

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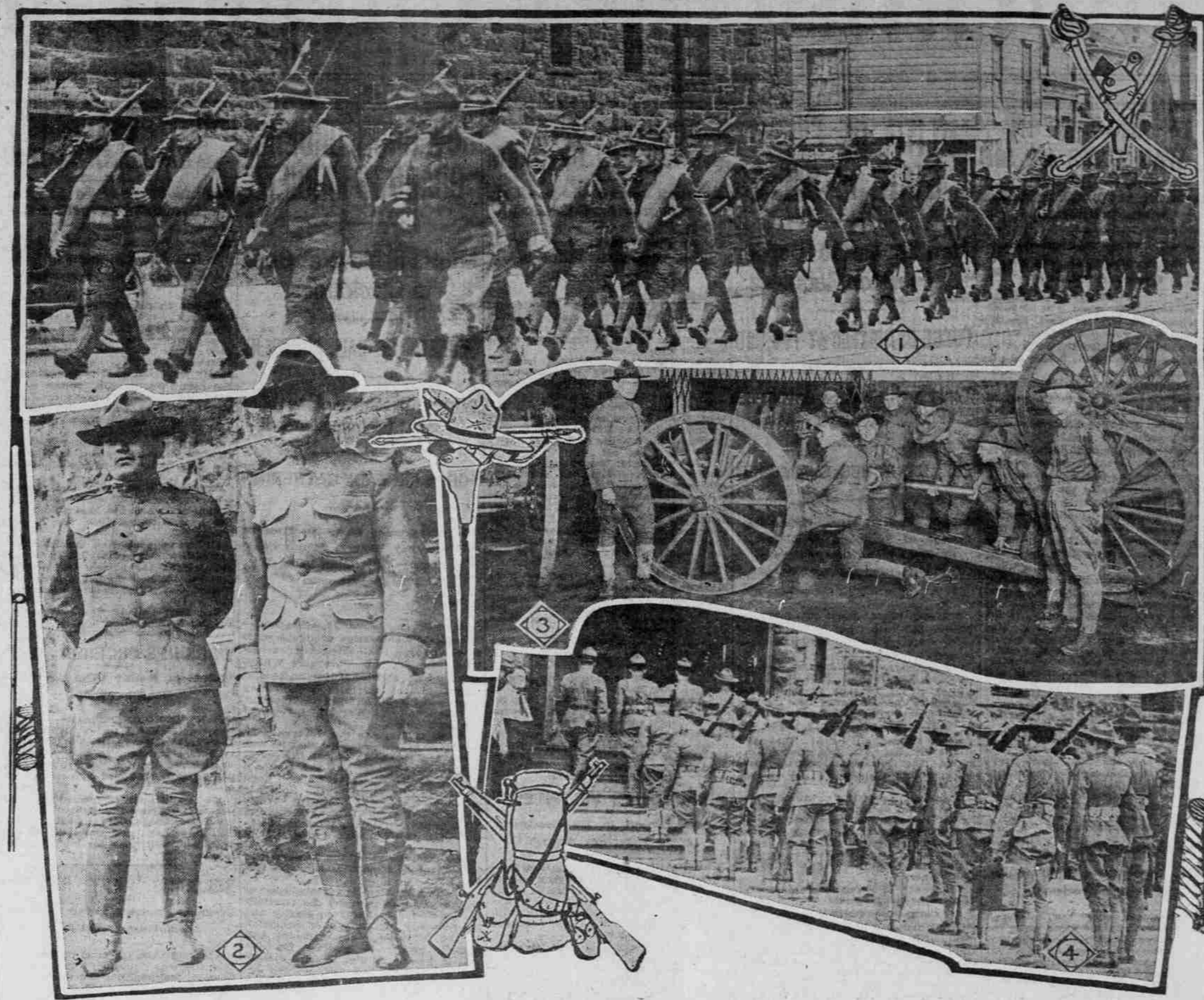
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MEMBERS OF OREGON NATIONAL GUARD WHO WILL BE IN FORCES MOBILIZED FOR CALL TO MEXICO, AS PHOTOGRAPHED ON RETURN FROM DRILL AT CLACKAMAS RANGE YESTERDAY.



(1) DETACHMENT OF COMPANIES B AND C, THIRD INFANTRY. (2) COLONEL McLAUGHLIN, U. S. A., IN COMMAND OF THIRD INFANTRY, AND MAJOR BOWMAN. (3) PART OF BATTERY A, FIELD ARTILLERY, DRILLING INSIDE ARMORY. (4) DETACHMENT OF INFANTRY SNAPPED AS THEY ENTERED THE ARMORY ON HEARING THE NEWS.

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Infantry is commanded by Cleland McLaughlin, of the Twenty-first, United States Infantry.

The machine-gun company, the battery of field artillery, the troop of cavalry and the sanitary detachment all are stationed in Portland.

The eight companies of coast artillery are stationed in the following cities: One at Roseburg, one at Albany, one at Portland, two at Eugene, one at Ashland, one at Cottage Grove and one at Medford.

The War Department orders call for companies to be at their minimum peace strength, which is 65 men in the infantry. Virtually all the 12 companies of the Third Regiment already have more enlisted men than the minimum number.

Including the Coast Artillery, which has not been ordered out, though its troops have been drilled as infantry, about 1700 men in all are now enlisted and available in the National Guard.

The present strength of the Third Infantry, Colonel Cleland McLaughlin, is approximately 875 men; the eight companies of the Coast Artillery, Colonel C. C. Hammond, have 577 men; Battery A, Field Artillery, Captain C. W. Helme, has 125 men, little short of its minimum strength of 135 men, and Troop A, Cavalry, Lieutenant Cicero F. Hogan, has 78 men.

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telephone number of every man, together with his place of employment, was immediately secured and crowds of militia men and civilians crowded the Armory discussing the probability that the company would see actual service.

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Germans Check Russians. BERLIN, via London, June 18.—German troops under General Von Kingenhausen are holding in check the Russians advancing toward Kovel from the southeast, army headquarters announced today.

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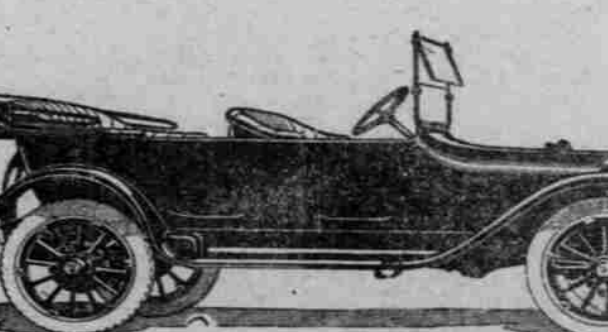
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